



8 May 2024

9(2)a

Dear 9(2)a

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...information relating to any waste minimisation fund grant money being given to TechCollect NZ. I'm interested in TechCollect NZ 2019/2020 application for extension of their pilot programme to provide more e waste recycling collection point/design a product stewardship scheme using a working group. I would also like to see their variation of deed signed in 2022. I would also like any information on any other funding provided to TechCollect in relation to the regulated product stewardship scheme.

The Ministry has identified two documents in scope of your request, as outlined in the document schedule below.

One document has been released to you in full. One document has some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where making it available would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Kazor

Programme Director – Waste Investments
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	25 June 2020	Waste Minimisation Fund – Deed of Funding – TechCollect	Release in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(b)(ii)
2	6 May 2022	Waste Minimisation Fund – Deed of Funding Variation – TechCollect	Release in full	